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Abraham Lincoln's Dueling Words
Bowman, Donna Janell
Illustrated by S. D. Schindler
Atlanta, Georgia: Peachtree Publishers, 2018
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Based on events prior to Abraham Lincoln's presidency, this book recounts one of the most comical, yet embarrassing incidents of his political career. Abraham Lincoln published a silly letter that mocked the legislation of his political opponent, James Shields. Things got out of hand and Lincoln was forced to accept Shield's challenge to a duel, an event which Lincoln exhaustively tried to prevent. Keeping the story close to the historical narrative, the author tactfully blends her own narration and Lincoln's own words about the event. The illustrations are fun additions to the main narration, as they demonstrate some of the more technical and humorous aspects of the story. Adults and students would be able to appreciate this book, as a history lesson, or as a general reading experience.

Highly Recommended

Kristen Farley, Centennial Library Intern